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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is requesting your review and comment on the King Range Wilderness and Rocks and Islands Wilderness Draft Wilderness Management Plan (Plan) and Environmental Assessment (EA). The draft plan provides site-specific objectives for 42,585 acres that were designated as wilderness in the 2006 California Coast Wild Heritage Wilderness Act. The designation included two separate wilderness areas: The King Range Wilderness, which is located entirely within the King Range National Conservation Area (NCA) and the Rocks and Islands Wilderness, which includes the adjacent rocks and islands offshore from the King Range NCA, beginning from the mean high tide line and extending 3 miles out to sea. Management direction is in accordance with the Wilderness Act, King Range NCA Resource Management Plan, California Coastal National Monument Resource Management Plan, and California Coast Wild Heritage Wilderness Act. The Plan also reflects public input received during a 30-day scoping period in December 2008 and January 2009.

The Plan is comprehensive in nature and identifies the desired future condition for the wilderness areas. It defines and evaluates a proposed action and alternative management approaches to maintain or achieve wilderness character as well as to manage for other non-wilderness resources that existed at the time of designation. The Plan is organized by the key elements of wilderness character, including but not limited to: Naturalness, Undeveloped Condition, Solitude or Primitive and Unconfined Recreation, Untrammelled Quality, and Unique or Supplemental Values.

Your review and written comments are important and will assist the BLM in finalizing the Plan and EA. Please be as specific as possible in documenting your comments and concerns so that we can incorporate them into the analysis and consideration of changes to the Plan. All comments must be received by July 22, 2011.

Please note, before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment — including your personal identifying information — may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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Thank you for participating in the future management of King Range Wilderness and Rocks and Islands Wilderness.

Sincerely,

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